

Lou Leue, editor of the Memphis Sunday Times, and famous as Count de Nesse of the Memphis Mardi Gras, states that there will be no carnival at Memphis during the coming year.

SINCE Galileo first turned a telescope upon the moon, the lunar craters have been among the wonders and mysteries of astronomy. With each increase of telescopic power, more and more craters have been seen, till now almost the whole surface of the moon may be said to be pitted with depressions of all sizes, from mighty gulls 300 or 400 miles across down to minute, saucer-shaped shallows, such as only the most powerful telescope can reveal.

Since last August Paris has expended upwards of \$10,000 in experimenting with the electric light. The avenues of the opera, the theatre Francais and Corps Legislatif were lighted up at the cost of from twenty-five to thirty-five cents hourly for each burner. For the same money from sixty-eight to ninety-five gas burners could have been used, with far greater illuminating power. The city council is negotiating for fresh experiments at reduced rates.

In Joe Emmett's play of "Fritz," as now performed, a donkey is introduced in one of the scenes, add, in order to render a particular situation striking, the animal snarls. In order that he may respond opportunity to his one, a singular noise is said to have been adopted. The donkey is exceedingly fond of carrots, yet none are given him during the day, but when it comes to his turn to speak his line, some one steps to the wings and shakes a bunch of the vegetable. An enthusiastic bray at once follows, and when the curtain drops the carrots are given him as a reward.

A RECIPE to produce giddiness is kindly furnished by Nature. Stand in the middle of a soft field, and putting both hands on the top of an umbrella or walking stick, bend down until your forehead rests on the back of your hands. Now move with a stately gait three times around the umbrella as an axis. Finally raise your head quickly and try to walk straight ahead. What will occur is a frightful giddiness and sickness, and the great rising up, vertigo, irresistibly on all sides will rush to save you, and a stumbling tumble. A precipitate spectators are requisite to the entire success of the experiment.

In his "True Law of Population," Doubleday points out that "populations are universally found thin in pastoral countries, where the food is chiefly animal; denser where vegetable and plenteous; densest of all where it is vegetable and scarce." The natural inference is that in the plethoric state productiveness is arrested, while in the depopulated it is reinvigorated. In the poorest time in Italy families subsisting on potatoes and meal averaged seven, against five in England and three in France. In rice-eating countries the population indeed

A NEW and useful application of electricity has been made by an American investor to the apparatus for sealing silk from the cocoon. The delicate filaments of silk are carried over wire arms which are so nicely balanced that they do not press against the silk strongly enough to break it, and in this relation a touch of the hand is all that is necessary. The machine is stronger than the hand, and when the party who were congregated around her, the silk was broken, the circuit is closed, and an electric magnet instantly stops the reel until the break is repaired. As the work is now done, the detection of a broken filament depends entirely upon the skill of the workmen, and the work must be carried on so slowly that the eye can note any break.

How Oysters Should be Cooked.

Philadelphia Times.
Innumerable ways of preparing the oyster for the table. The skill or ignorance of a housekeeper may be estimated by the success or failure of her attempt to get oysters on her table in the best possible manner. Why the idea ever entered into the heads of the cooks to fabricate the envelope of tough batter and corn meal chicken-feed, in which they smothered the oysters, is beyond me. No sooty, no greasy, no oily, no greasy, the sewed oysters we eat to this day. The oyster requires but little time in the boiling hot fluid in which it is stewed. The jaded oysters are put on the fire, with the seasonings required, and the heat breaks the fall, the circuit is closed, and an electric magnet instantly stops the reel until the break is repaired.

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Wonderful Spider's Web.

"Across the sunny paths of Ceylon, where the forest meets the open country, there is a spider whose webbed island, an enormous spider stretches his web at the height of four to eight feet from the ground. The coracles are suspended on either side to the projections short of shrubs, and is so strong as to hurt travelers face, and even life off his hat if he is so unlucky as to touch the line. The net is so large as to cover a man as large as a man's head, and is continually growing larger, as it is formed of successive layers of old webs rolled over each other, sheet after sheet, into a ball. These webs are woven like the veins of a leaf, and consist of the stems of various plants, and limbs of insects of all descriptions which have been the prey of the spider and his family who occupy the island in their midst. There seems to be no doubt that the spiders cast the web, and rear their young in the center when it becomes overcharged with carcasses, and proceeds to construct a fresh one, which in its turn is destined to be folded up with the rest.

ESTABLISHED 1839.

HICKMAN, FULTON CO., KENTUCKY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1878.

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AT FAREWELL.

The dusk of evening hovers above our sky,
Our sky which was so blue and sweetly fair;
Nature's fairies we can only hear;
Will they not be more beautiful to us by?

Cheerless we take our way, but not afraid;
With that none but a personal good;

Go, love, since to you must,

Out of our pain we blesse you as you fly;

It was word of days of sweet and stormy sky;

Shall we not be more beautiful to us by?

Go, life since go you must,

Our life is grand and whitish air;

What does it need to live, or what to die?

Some here is nobler living—by and by.

THE HICKMAN COURIER,

FRIDAY, : : : : DECEMBER 27, 1878

Short communications on public questions printed—but not responsible for sentiments or expressions of correspondents—except where we refuse to give name of author.

FOR GOVERNOR.
Dr. Luke P. Blackburn,
of JEFFERSON.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR.
Hon. Henry A. Tyler,
of FULTON.

Local Items.

Christmas week.
Dandy Christmas in Hickman.
City election, Monday, January 6th
No candidates for Mayor.

Some friends say they intend voting
for Capt. Jim Overton for Mayor, any-
how. It would be a deserved compliment
to the old man. He is no candidate.

The names of Judges Landrum, H.
A. Tyler, John W. Cowgill, John A. Wil-
son, Chas. Baltzer, W. L. McCutchen, and
C. L. Randle are also spoken of for May-
or. They are all good men.

To settle the "seating" names for
Major, let one or more of them become
candidates.

The name of J. West Powell has
been favorably spoken of for Mayor. He
is a fine business man, and would make
an excellent officer. He is no candidate.

The Mississippi is frozen just above
Caro.

The Kentucky militia are in Breath-
itt County, camped in the Court House.
The Circuit Court is in session, and pres-
ides peacefully. The troops arrived just
in time to prevent another bloody tragedy.

Service was held at the Episcopal
church Christmas day. The church was
beautifully decorated.

If white Christmas is favorable to
a healthy summer, 1879 will surely be
healthy.

A young lady of Mayfield, proposes
in the Monitor, to give a concert for the
benefit of the "Hickman poor." In the
name of said poor, of whom we are five or
six, we say "God bless her."

A NEW ESTABLISHMENT—Mr.
John T. Griffin, a tailor of large experi-
ence, and said to be one of the best in the
State, has located in Hickman for the pur-
pose of carrying on the merchant tailoring
business. He is up stairs over Hol-
combs drug store.

The Lacelde House gave a Christ-
mas dinner Wednesday, and a number of
invited guests were present. The table
fairly groaned beneath the weight of
choice luxuries and substantials. Mr.
Turner, the proprietor, gives promise of
making the best hotel ever kept in Hick-
man.

The Hickman COURIER commenced
its 20th year on Christmas day. When
we have conducted it through its 21st
year, God willing, we hope to get our
"freedom papers," and retire from news-
paper life—and go to Congress!

The Courier-Journal tells this truth:
Hickman has given up the "old way."
Hickman River boats, robed John R.
Brown's \$200 worth of goods, and went into camp on an island below
town. The Marshal dropped down on
the Thaw, and captured the goods
and two of the three pirates.

Benton Jones, well known here-
abouts, is accused of having murdered a
man, named C. W. Crow, at Obion Station,
last week. The killing was done at the
house of a widow Moss, a prostitute. No
arrest.

Report of school at Royal Academy
for semester ending Dec. 29. Names of
two having highest average in each grade. Grade A, Annie Mills; Grade
B, John Wehman, Wm. Saunders; Grade
C, Thos. McMurphy; Grade E, Jessie Car-
ter; James Alexander. Highest grade in
school, Annie Mills. Jas. H. Saunders,
Teacher.

Last-week, Dr. G. S. Miles, was
elected President of the Union City Fair
Company.

Is your liver troubles you buy Sim-
mon's Liver Medicine, in green bottles,
Book & Cowell.

The following paragraph may give
some idea as to the very great value of
Paduch printing offices:

The remnants of the old Tobacco Plant
office, which the fire which burned
the other buildings of the firm, and over
which there had been several law
suits, was sold Saturday by Commissioner
D. L. Wilson, and was bought in by Mr.
G. S. Miles, for \$30,000. The devil of the Courier
got all the pie he wants by tackling Mr.
Warren's purchase.

San Francisco, Cal., is quarantining
against vessels from China, on account
of cholera.

According to time honored cus-
toms, the COURIER will be published next
week.

Several communications intended
for this issue will appear next week.

The Mississippi is falling at this
point, and the indications now are that
if the present cold weather continues, it
may be blocked.

The recent snow storm has been one
of unusual extent and severity. It has
covered this country from New Mexico
to the Atlantic, and has swept all over
Northern and Central Europe.

NOTICE!

Owing to the death of two of
the firm of Herwick, Baltzer & Co.,
from whose office I am now
in firm's business. Therefore, all parties
interested in the firm, will please call at our
office and settle up, and make
arrangements on as Amicable terms,
as possible, to bring collection.

CHAS. BALZER,
OTTO HERWICK.

220-21.

Citizen's Meeting.

HICKMAN, Dec. 23, 1878.
J. W. Cowgill was elected chairman
and J. E. Fuqua clerk.

On motion, it was ordered that an elec-
tion be held in the City Hall on the first
Monday in January (6th) 1879, to elect a
Mayor and six Councilmen for the en-
tire year.

On motion, J. Kirkpatrick and W. L.
Gardner were appointed Judges of
said election, and J. E. Fuqua clerk.

On motion, the City Clerk was ordered
to post notice of said city election.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

J. E. Fuqua, City Clerk.

Dr. G. S. Miles.
Of this county, is spoke of by many
citizens as a suitable person to repre-
sent this District in the next State
Senate. He formerly represented Hick-
man and Fulton in the Lower House
of the State Legislature, and is a man
who would reflect credit upon the po-
sition. We do not know whether he makes a Senator every way creditable
will consent to make the race or not, and faithful.

Columbus Items. From the Sentinel.

Magistrate J. P. Pollak tried 64 ca-
ses in his court in three days, com-
mencing Saturday.

The river has been full of steamboats
the last ten days, loaded with produce
and all sorts of northern products.

The Columbus Manufacturing Com-
pany bought 100,000 feet of popular
timber from J. A. Cunningham, last
week.

The following is a specimen of a
notice of suit handed us by a reporter
last week, which shows how attractive
a notice is that is gotten up by the
man who does not patronize the print-
er:

Notice 1878

on Thursday the 5 of December i will
sell to the biggest Bidder house hold
& kitchen furniture 2 cows & some
stock hogs & wheat & corn if any ton
had one sarragon mill & vapor rater
and some farm tools & other things
two teodus to mention November 18
not and good security will be required.

CLINTON ITEMS.

[From the Democrat.]

At a meeting of the members of the
Baptist church last night, Rev R. S.
Fleming was unanimously called to the
pastorate of that church.

The revival meeting at the Baptist
church in Clinton still continues with
great interest each day. My
professors have been making
the way of life. The meeting is one
of great power. Rev Fleming is being
assisted by Revs. W. W. Evans and
R. L. West. The meeting will con-
tinue through this week and perhaps
longer.

There is an excellent opening at
near Spring Hill, this county, for an
enterprising and prominent business in
the manufacture and shipment of lumber.
There is an abundance of almost
all kinds of timber indigenous to this
section, and convenient to the railroad.
It is not necessary to haul either the
timber, or lumber after sawed, more
than two and a half miles. The
most valuable timber is oak, hickory, ash,
yellow poplar and black walnut, and
there is always a good market for such
lumber in St. Louis and other ad-
joining cities.

Sometime in August last, Dave
Johnson killed a man named Coleman
Bird, both colored, in Columbus, since
which time Johnson has been at large
until the last week. Mr. W. H. Simon,
the new City Marshal of Columbus,
learned that he was in the country near
Memphis, and arming himself with the
necessary papers went down there after
him. Johnson found him, and, according to
the police report, shot and killed him.
The Mississippi river prodded a skiff and
startled down stream. Mr. Simon se-
cured the assistance of several men,
gave chase and captured him on in
the river a short distance below Mem-
phis. Johnson was placed in irons
and brought to Clinton, Sunday, and
Monday was laid to rest in Clinton
cemetery. His body was dressed in self de-
sign, and spread a woman's shawl
was mixed up in the skirt. The case will
come before this circuit court for trial
next March.

DIDN'T "TECH" OSCAR.

Mr. Turner and his friends seem
determined to make us say something
about that gentleman, whether we de-
sire to do so or not. A few days ago
we took us by surprise and assailed
you with a question, "What did
he say?" Specifying him immediately,
and while we were quietly
listening, he said, "Nothing to nobody!" And
now comes the Cairo Bulletin, with a
long editorial headed, "Why doesn't
he let his [Oscar] Turner alone?"

The question reminds us of an anecdote
which runs about those. A country boy named Bill went to see his
uncle, Tom, in town, and, after the election
and election, and when he entered, finding
Bill seated on one side of the fire place,
he quietly seated himself on the oppo-
site side and for more than half an
hour never opened his mouth. This
long silence becoming very painful to
Sal, she suddenly screamed out: "You Bill! Why don't you let me alone?"

In perfect astonishment Bill drawled
out: "W-h-y, S-a-d! I isn't a tech of
anythin' to which Sal immed'ately
replied: "Well, sit down, and tell me what
you did to the hist and stiched," but we will not be provoked into
teching!"—[Paduch News.]

CHRISTMAS.

This is the time for rejoicing and
making merry, and why? Many per-
sons who are usually sober citizens
make this an occasion for indulging in
an extra glass and sometimes two or
more. There is usually an unusual
amount of drunkenness on Christmas
day. Others make it an occasion for
the display of fireworks and there is a
continual din of fire crackers and other
explosive products from early dawn
until far into the succeeding night.

We are supposed to be celebrating the
arrival of Christ into the world. Who
is Christ? The Son of God, the God of
our great military commander who
by his skill and prowess, overthrew
Kingdoms and established a great em-
pire, or was he the God of Buddha?

Did he introduce the custom of getting
"gentlemanly" tight and hugging the
limp post on his way home of an
evening? These are not the qualities
of the Prince of Peace, who, when coming
the angels sang together and all the Sons
of God shouted for joy. Yet, let us
join in with great joy, for "to you this
day is born a Prince and Saviour who
has redeemed you with his precious
blood."

WHAT YOU WANT A NICE CHRISTMAS.

Present for your wife and daughter
and get some of the nice, cheap dress
goods at J. AMBERG'S SONS 220-41.

OUR COUNTY CONVENTION.

Some Democrats are desirous that
our Democratic County Committee
should call a convention of the De-
mocratic party at the Hall on the first
Monday in January (6th) 1879, to elect a
Mayor and six Councilmen for the en-
tire year.

On motion, J. Kirkpatrick and W. L.
Gardner were appointed Judges of
said election, and J. E. Fuqua clerk.

On motion, the City Clerk was ordered
to post notice of said city election.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

FOR THE STATE SENATE.

We are authorized to announce
Hon. Henry George, of Graves coun-
ty, as a candidate to represent the
counties of Hickman, Fulton and
Graves, in the next Senate of Ken-
tucky. He is the present representa-
tive from Graves in the Lower House
of the State Legislature, and is a man
who would reflect credit upon the po-
sition. We do not know whether he makes a Senator every way creditable
will consent to make the race or not, and faithful.

STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS & LIABILITIES

—OF THE—

FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FOR
THE YEAR 1878. TO-WIT:

ASSETS.

No amount reported by Dr. E. Walker,
Sheriff, January 1st, 1878, as collected
in delinquent list for 1877.

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Total amount of county pol. tax for
January 1st, 1878.

Total assets for the year

\$3,144 00

LIABILITIES.

Claims against the county allowed and
settled by the court on the assets in
the sheriff's hands, to wit:

John C. Johnson, for balance on salary
as County Attorney.

Taylor G. Smith, for balance on account as
Judge of Probate.

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In accordance with the time-honored and constitutional faith of the Democratic party, we hold that the only honest and lawful way of electing a State's officers is by popular vote or paper currency convertible into such coin at the will of the holder.—[From all authentic Democratic Platforms.]

For Lieutenant Governor.

We are authorized to announce Hon. H. A. Tyler, of Fulton county, as a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention, 1878.

For Auditor.

We are authorized to announce Fayette Hewitt, of Hardin county, as a candidate for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention, 1878.

For the State Senate.

We are authorized to announce Hon. Henry George, of Graves county, as a candidate to represent the counties of Hardin, Fulton, and Jefferson, in the next Senate of Kentucky. Subject to a Democratic convention.

The Kentucky Historical Society.

The President, in referring to the organization of this important State institution, says the following articles are greatly desired, and donations of them to the society are requested:

Relics of the prehistoric inhabitants of Kentucky, with drawings and descriptions of ancient mounds and fortifications within the State.

II. Facts of every description and weapons, implements, and articles of all kinds pertaining to the Indians.

III. Manuscript remains, such as letters, journals, ledgers, etc., left by Kentucky pioneers, and all unpublished matter concerning the settlers and early history of the Commonwealth, together with arms, ornaments, domestic utensils, and other memorials, once the property of pioneers, or illustrative of the settlement of the State.

IV. Articles of historic interest, and written or printed facts connected with the past which Kentuckians, or immigrants to Kentucky, took in the Revolution, in struggles against the Indians, in the war of 1812, the Mexican war, and the late war between the States.

V. Manuscripts and books of every kind, and particularly such as relate to Western history, travel, and biography in general, and Kentucky literature, including a collection of essays, speeches, addresses, etc.; miscellaneous pamphlets, maps, files of newspapers, and minutes of conventions and meetings of every character.

VI. Autographs of noted persons, relics and memorials of distinguished Kentuckians, curious and interesting objects found in the State, coins, medallions, portraits, paintings, and statuary.

VII. Authors, editors, and publishers are specially solicited to present, with their autographs, copies of their respective works and publications.

The names of all donors, with the names of all articles donated by them, will be faithfully kept, and a list of the same will from time to time be published.

It also says:

We are greatly gratified to see that the entire State press is exerting itself to promote the interests of the Kentucky Home Society. It cannot be better said. The course of this institution, and the beneficial effects that it may have upon the intellectual and material development of our Commonwealth, if wisely conducted, only thinking people can appreciate.

A distinguished Kentuckian has lately said, and said truly, that in neglecting such an institution we neglect one of the most important and highest political importance and power.

Every citizen who would honor his State or have her progress, should give this organization his hearty and liberal support. It argues well for the Society that so much interest is exhibited in its behalf, and that so many inquiries are made about it. The more it is talked concerning it, the more it will be established.

It was established and is supported by a number of the ablest and most influential gentlemen in the State, of all political parties and religious bodies.

None of its officers receives salaries, and it has no interests to subserve but the interests of the whole people. Its object is to collect and preserve whatever is most directly or indirectly related to Kentucky.

It is located at the Capital of the State, where its annual meetings will be held on the 11th of February, the birthday of Daniel Boone, and every county in the Commonwealth will be represented by a corresponding member.

Persons may become members of the Society by payment of a fee of five dollars to the Clerk of the Lexington, Kentucky, office, or by payment of a fee of one dollar to the corresponding Secretary and General Agent. Appropriate publications will be made by the Society just as soon as circumstances will permit when the courtesies and donations of individuals, societies, and public bodies will be gratefully remembered and reciprocated.

Persons desirous of encouraging the institution by gifts of books, pamphlets and things of interest, should send their packages by express to Lexington, where the Society will settle all charges for transportation.

A Singular Animal.

[Bowling Green, Panhandle.]

For some years there has been in the Hadley neighborhood a wild yellow dog which has been a terror to the people of the community. Last Saturday morning Equire James Head went to his hog-pen, where he found and killed it. It has been heard in that section to cry like a young male lion, but it was shot and killed.

The dog is a pale yellow color, with long hair on his neck, which looks somewhat like the mane of a lion.

Other features not common to animals of these woods.

When I last saw him he had a tail of two feet thick.

Now, then, will the News give us a "scholar's disquisition," and tell us why that terrible disease has so frequently scourged Palms, and wherefore so soon forgotten?

The Lexington Transcript calls Dr. T. Paducah News comes that the Hickman Courier published Col. Turner's card, and failed to publish its comment thereon. The News only fails to answer, but "you know" by asking another one. Here is the bold winner in which it meets the public issue.

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